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1. IN DEC 23 CONVERSATION, MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS GUAZZARONI TOLD ECON-COMM MIN THAT ITALIANS HAD TRIED HAD TO INSERT REFERENCE TO ITALIAN SUPPORT FOR PRIVILEGED OR PREFERENTIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EC AND IRAN INTO COMMUNIQUE (REF C). THE SHAH AND HIS ADVISORS HAD TOLD THE ITALIANS (A) THAT GIVEN THE REALITY OF THE EC-ARAB DIALOGUE, THE IRANIANS BELIEVED THEY DESERVED NO LESS IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNITY AND (B) IN VIEW OF PROXIMITY OF USSR, IRAN MAKES SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH THE EC AN INTEGRAL PART OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY.

2. GUAZZARONI SAID THAT ITALIAN SIDE ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN IRANIAN ACQUIESCENCE TO REFERENCE IN COMMUNIQUE TO QTE ECONOMIC AGREEMENT UNQTE INSTEAD OF PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT. GUAZZARONI DID NOT MENTION ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT IRAN BE ASSOCIATED.

3. ECON/COMM MIN TOLD GUAZZARONI THAT HE COULD STATE THAT ANY REFERENCE TO PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT WOULD HAVE BEEN BADLY RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. GUAZZARONI, RECALLING RECENT DEMARCHES ON SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR IRANIAN OIL, SAID HE WAS PERFECTLY AWARE OF THIS.

4. ON DEC 27 ECON/COMM MIN TOOK UP WITH RICCIULLI USG CONCERN OVER CHIRAC AGREEMENT AND OUR CONVICTION THAT GOF STANCE GOES CONTRARY BOTH TO SERIES OF UNDERSTANDINGS BETWEEN US AND EC AND TO SOLIDARITY AMONG OIL CONSUMERS. RICCIULLI SAID THAT GUAZZARONI'S STATEMENT TO ECON/COMM MIN ON DEC 23 STILL REFLECTS ITALIAN POLICY OF OPPOSING SPECIAL PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENT FOR IRAN.

5. COMMENT: RICCIULLI'S REASSURANCES LACKED ENTHUSIASM. HIS REACTION WAS PRESUMABLY AFFECTED BY A REALIZATION THAT US-FRENCH RELATIONS MAY AGAIN BE ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A DOWNSWING WITH CONSEQUENT PROBLEMS WITHIN THE EC AND BETWEEN THE EC AND THE US. ALSO IT IS PROBABLY MOST GALLING FOR THE ITALIANS, WHO HELD OUT AGAINST IRANIAN PRESSURES, PROBABLY AT SOME ECONOMIC COST, TO SEE THE GOF RECOUP THE ITALIAN LOSSES.
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